

# The Great Tribune Recipe Contest

This week's category in the Great Tribune Recipe Contest is Blueberry Pie. If you have a great recipe, bring in a slice or two to our office along with your recipe. We will have our panel of taste-testers pick the best Blueberry Pie in Town and award a plaque to the winner. In addition, we will print the recipe that wins in our upcoming

special recipe section this fall. We will print as many of the entries as we can, as well. If you can't make a pie worth beans, why not submit another recipe. You don't have to make it, but we would like to know what's cooking around your house. Send in your recipe of choice to our office, and we will enter them in a draw for a great prize. Enter today, deadline for pies is this Friday at 4 p.m.



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## Community

# Cuts in funding to YMCA 'devastating'

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Although the province has put the kibosh on a Stouffville daycare facility and a youth resource centre, the project is far from dead. As local municipal officials try to come to terms with the fact that Stouffville has not escaped the axe-wielding provincial government, one local councillor has put together a response plan in the hopes of finding another way to save the local children's projects. The need for financial restraint has prompted the provincial government to cancel all money for the local YMCA project, Whitchurch-Stouffville councillor Judy Scala has confirmed. Scala told *The Tribune* that the "much-needed" daycare and youth centre projects were slated to operate out of a building on Civic Ave. directly behind the local municipal office. The money was needed to equip and renovate the premises. Architects estimated the renovation cost alone to be \$155,000. Janet Johnson, a YMCA official told *The Tribune* that the cost of program equipment and toys and fencing for the daycare would be another \$100,000. Johnson said the YMCA, along with the help of Scala have been working on the project since January. "This is very disappointing," said Johnson. Scala, meanwhile, said she was "dumbfounded" to learn that the province was withdrawing its support. "But, these things happen. We'll just have to find the money elsewhere. The need is there. If we pull together as a community we can do it," stressed Scala. After a series of meetings with the province and the "full realization of all the cutbacks to various projects from the impact of the new provincial government, was in

fact significant," said Scala. In late July, Ontario finance minister Ernie Eves announced cuts to dozens of government programs, including the Stouffville project, as part of the total package that will save \$1.9 billion in the current fiscal year. "The province will save the \$1.4 billion by cancelling or lowering funding for specific programs and for capital projects, and \$500 million by giving all ministries individual targets for cuts from current operating budgets," said Eves. Ontario premier Mike Harris said the cuts are "essential" because his government "inherited a worse financial situation than expected." Scala has been the Stouffville project's strongest supporter. Council's appointee on the local Youth Liaison Committee is far from defeated. Scala's game plan is well in place. "I am prepared to orchestrate and pull together with the assistance of the school boards, corporations and town businesses our Parks and Recreation Department and most importantly, the community itself, a proposal that we can strive for within the year to address the youth programs in Whitchurch-Stouffville," said Scala. The local councillor is also appealing to York-Durham MPP Julia Munro to help. *The Tribune* could not reach Munro at press time Monday. "There's no question. The need for youth programs is great in the local municipality," said Scala. Whitchurch-Stouffville council has backed a call for the establishment of an immediate ad hoc committee to fully investigate and ultimately recommend a plan of action. Meanwhile, Johnson said the \$155,000 plus renovation cost suggests the YMCA will have to seek a different location. "We'll have to find another place," said Johnson.

# Government goes to school

Municipal government may soon find itself on the curriculum in Stouffville's elementary school. On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville council backed a call to have the Student Page Program introduced to senior students in Stouffville's grade schools. Through the program, two Grade 8s will become parliamentary pages and meet with a member of town staff to review the council agendas. The pages will also attend local council meetings. After the meeting, the students will ask the councillors questions. The Student Page program has been operating successfully in Cobourg, council was told. Staff was instructed to meet with school officials to see if there is local interest. Mayor Wayne Emmerson suggested that January would be the start-up time. Councillor Judy Scala praised the program suggesting it would further relations between council and the youth.



## Dog-gone good dog

Nikolas Oravec and his sister, Mikki meet one of the members of Golden Rescue, a placement service for abused or unwanted Golden Retrievers in Goodwood last Friday. The group places the dogs in loving homes. For more information, call Don or Bev at 640-1918.

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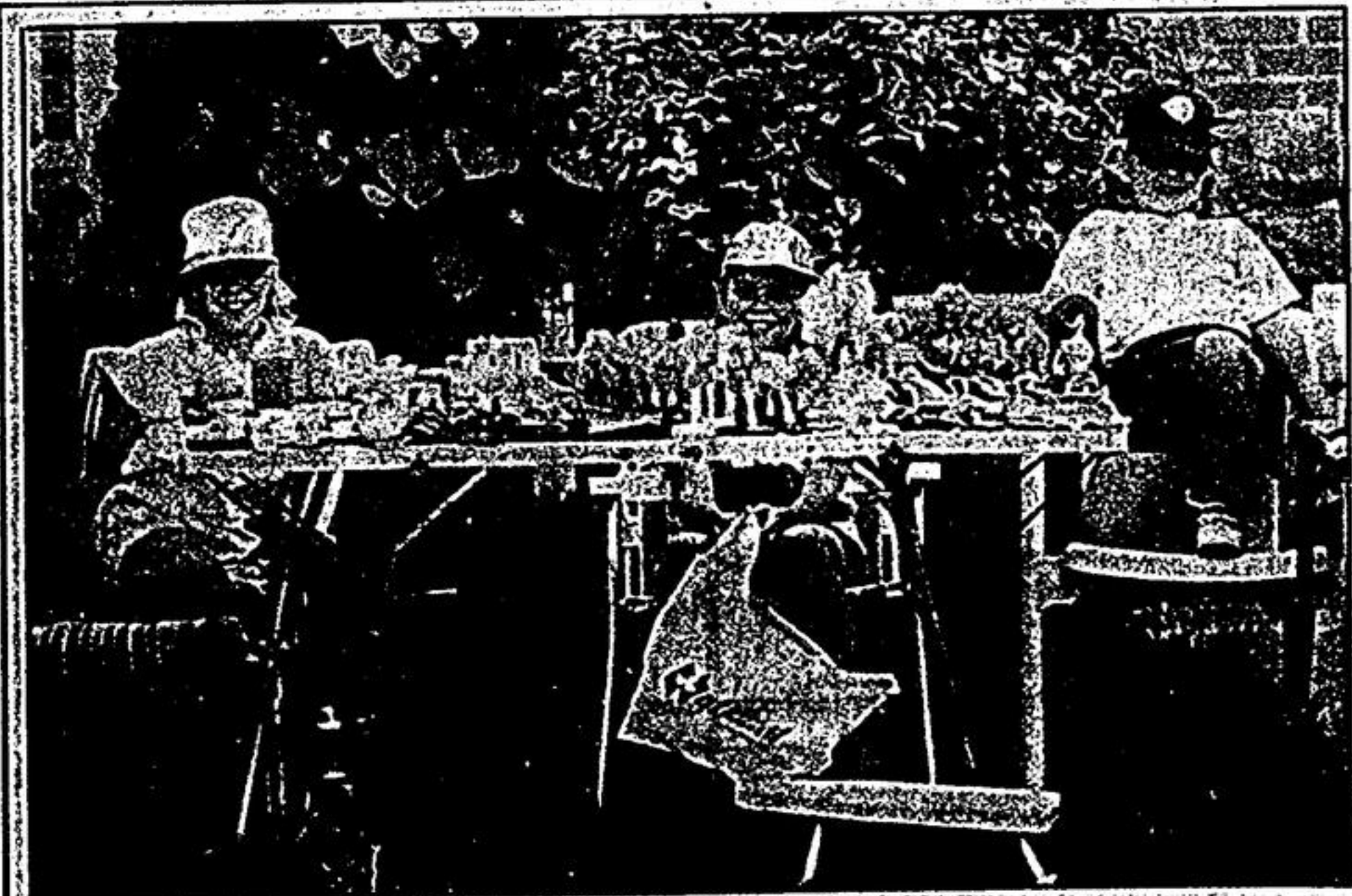
# Town buys new snow trucks

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow... Whitchurch-Stouffville is about to be the proud owner of two brand spanking new snow blower trucks. Last week, local council gave the final nod for the town to buy a tandem axle truck and plow. In June, local council approved the tender for the vehicle submitted by Scarborough Truck Centre. The vehicle cost \$119,084. The money comes from the municipality's equipment reserve fund. Meanwhile, earlier this year, council agreed to buy a smaller truck and plow vehicle.

# Betty Fox comes to Stouffville

Betty Fox, the mother of the world-renowned one-legged runner, will arrive in Stouffville on Aug. 28 to help promote the upcoming Terry Fox Run. Fox gave birth to Terry Stanley Fox on July 28th, 1958 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 1977, Terry had his right leg amputated after doctors found a malignant tumor. Two years later, with the support of the Canadian Cancer Society, Fox dipped his artificial limb in the Atlantic Ocean to begin a cross Canada odyssey. The young man with the golden colored hair ran an average of 26 miles a day and covered six provinces. On Sept. 1, 1980, after 143 days and more than 5,500 kilometres after reaching Thunder Bay, Terry was forced to abandon his mission. The cancer had returned. This time the disease struck his lungs. On June 28, 1981, all of Canada went into mourning when it was announced that Terry Fox had died. Although Terry is gone, his Marathon of Hope lives on. More than \$110 million has been raised in the young runner's name. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the 15th annual Terry Fox run.

Joan Ransberry



## Young entrepreneurs

From left, Jessica Carrite, Ashlee Bardeil, and Allisha Carrite made some extra summer money by selling some of their old toys last week on Main St.

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